

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA- 685**  
**Albert J. Mace House**  
**8815 McDonogh Road**  
**Owings Mills, Baltimore County**  
**1915 ca.**  
**Private**

The vernacular Albert J. Mace House was constructed circa 1915 near what was, through the 19th and early 20th centuries the intersection of Old Church Road and Lyons Mill Road to the north of Randallstown. The area in which the Albert J. Mace House is located has changed significantly over the last 150 years. The 1850 county atlas reveals that very little development of the landscape had occurred between Randallstown to the south and Owings Mills to the north. Prospect Hill—the home of Miss T.H. Gist—and the dwelling occupied by Mrs. Griffith were the only houses along this portion of Lyons Mill Road. Lyons Mill Road and Old Church Road, although constructed by the mid-19th century, were still relatively unpopulated. Between 1850 and 1877, only a few more dwellings were built along the Lyons Mill corridor. The area retained its rural character through the early 19th century. Over the past fifty years, however, Randallstown and Owings Mills have become suburbs of Baltimore City, and the land lying between the two communities has been extensively developed. Old Church Road and Lyons Mill Road, which is now known as McDonogh Road, have been regraded and their positions altered. Within the last ten years, an expansive residential subdivision has been established to the southwest of the dwelling, which continues to serve as a single-family residence.

This dwelling fronts north on a grassy lot to the west of a circa 1990 subdivision of residential structures. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in vinyl siding. Standing two-and-a-half stories tall, this five-bay-wide house has a side gable roof with symmetrical exterior-end chimneys that have been rebuilt. Nine 6/6 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds and sills pierce the facade. A shed-roofed porch with vinyl posts protects the first story. The central entry has a paneled single-leaf door with three-light sidelights and a three-light transom. A two-story ell with a random rubble stone foundation projects to the south giving the original footprint a T shape. A brick central-interior chimney projects from the middle of this ell. A two-story, two-bay-wide wing projects from the west elevation of the main block. Four 6/6 vinyl windows pierce the facade of the vinyl-sided wood frame wing. The central single-leaf entry has a wood door that is paneled with lights and a shed roof door hood. An exterior end shouldered chimney bisects the gable end. Other additions include a two-story addition that projects to the east of the ell with a brick foundation and a one-story shed roof addition that projects to the west of the ell. A second story addition projecting to the west of the ell hangs over a three-bay-wide porch with square posts.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 685

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Albert J. Mace House (preferred), Dr. Mace's House

### 2. Location

street and number 8815 McDonogh Road not for publication

city, town Owings Mills vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name McDonogh School Incorporated

street and number PO Box 380 telephone Not Available

city, town Owings Mills state MD zip code 21117

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber N/A folio N/A

city, town Towson tax map 67 tax parcel 450 tax ID number 2200019718

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District  
Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
Recorded by HABS/HAER  
Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> ^object	<input type="checkbox"/> public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> ^commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> defense <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> funerary <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> health care <input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture <input type="checkbox"/> religion <input type="checkbox"/> social <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use <input type="checkbox"/> ^other:
			Contributing Noncontributing —2—J— buildings —.——.—— sites ———— structures —2—J— objects —2—J— Total
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/>	excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	good	<input type="checkbox"/>	ruins
<input type="checkbox"/>	fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This dwelling, constructed circa 1915 in a vernacular style, fronts north on a grassy lot to the west of a circa 1990 subdivision of residential structures. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in vinyl siding. Standing two-and-a-half stories tall, this five-bay-wide house has a side gable roof with symmetrical exterior-end chimneys that have been rebuilt. Nine 6/6 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds and sills pierce the facade. A shed-roofed porch with vinyl posts protects the first story. The central entry has a paneled single-leaf door with three-light sidelights and a three-light transom. A two-story ell with a random rubble stone foundation projects to the south giving the original footprint a T shape. A brick central-interior chimney projects from the middle of this ell. A two-story, two-bay-wide wing projects from the west elevation of the main block. Four 6/6 vinyl windows pierce the facade of the vinyl-sided wood frame wing. The central single-leaf entry has a wood door that is paneled with lights and a shed roof door hood. An exterior end shouldered chimney bisects the gable end. Other additions include a two-story addition that projects to the east of the ell with a brick foundation and a one-story shed roof addition that projects to the west of the ell. A second story addition projecting to the west of the ell hangs over a three-bay-wide porch with square posts.

A circa 1950 tractor shed is located to the east of the main dwelling. The concrete block structure supports a side gable roof with asphalt shingles. The facade is clad in pressed vertical board and features a single-leaf sliding door of the same material.

Next to the tractor shed is a circa 1990 shed with pressed vertical board siding, a concrete pier foundation and a single-leaf wood door that is cross-braced. The structure is protected by a side gable roof with asphalt shingles.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	X <input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
X 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1915 ca.-present	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1915 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register      ☐ Maryland Register      ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>1</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.15 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1915, the Albert J. Mace House has been associated with the 1.15 acres of land known as tax parcel 450 of map 67 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

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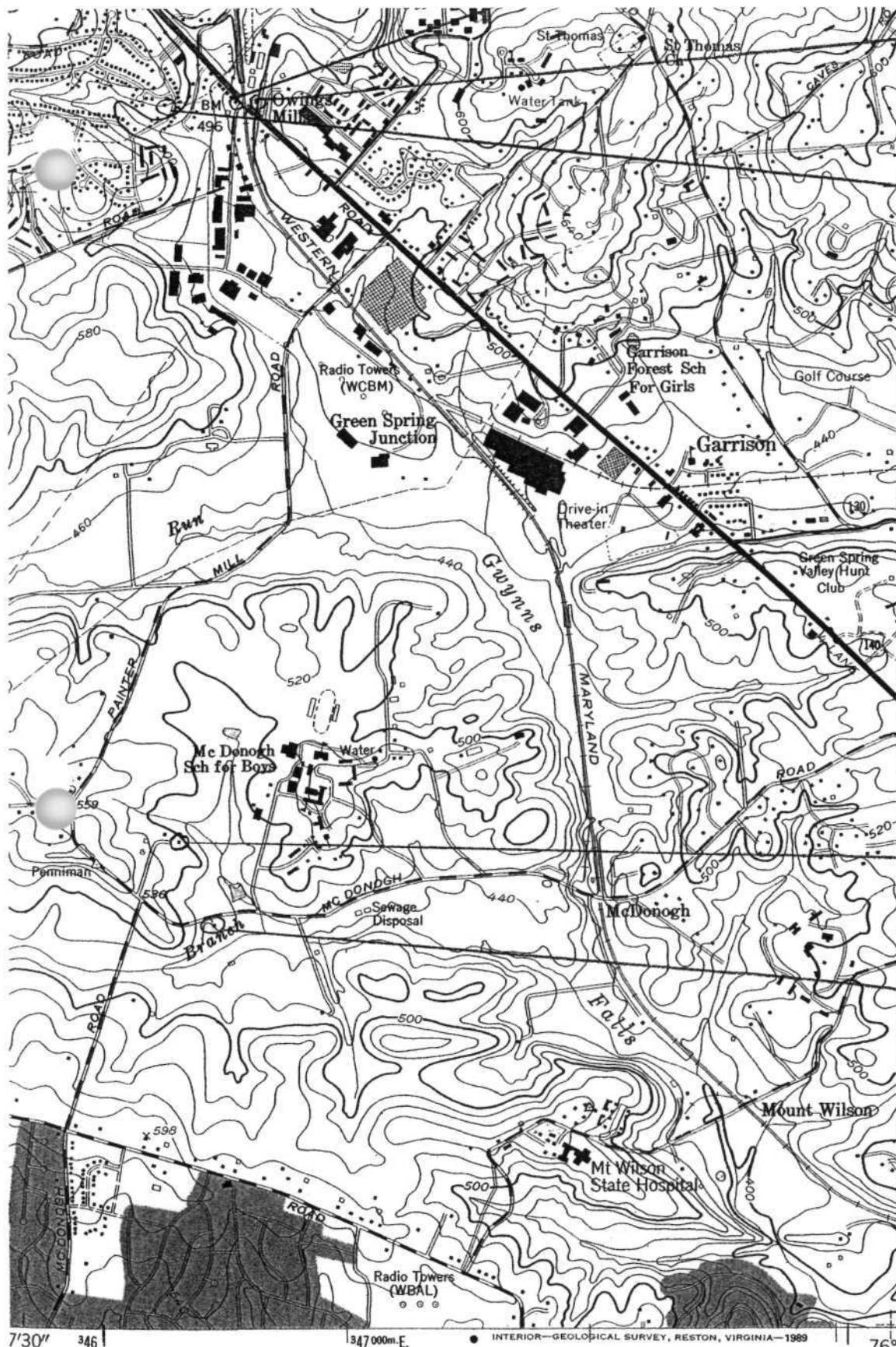
## 11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



BA-0650  
10425 REISTERSTOWN RD  
OWINGS MILLS  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0651  
24 LASTGATE ROAD  
OWINGS MILLS  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

PIKESVILLE 2 MI.  
BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S. 1) 8.5 MI.

BA-2493  
9000 MCDONOGH ROAD  
OWINGS MILLS  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-685  
8815 MCDONOGH ROAD  
OWINGS MILLS  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

7'30" 346 347000m.E. 76°45' 39°22'30"

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1989

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt

U.S. Route State Route

MARYLAND

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

REISTERSTOWN, MD.

(BALTIMORE WEST)  
5602' SW



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8815 McDONOGH ROAD

OWINGS MILLS

BALTIMORE COUNTY MD

TRAILERES

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MD-SHO

NW CORNER

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TRACERIES

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SW CORNER

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OWINGS MILLS

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

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TRACTOR SHED

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**DR. MACE'S HOUSE** - 8815 McDonogh Road, (south side),  
0.3 mile west of school entrance. Frame house. Not  
found in 1877 atlas. White frame and clapboard house in  
two segments; gable roof; vernacular or colonial  
design. Set near road. Owner: Dr. Albert J. Mace.